

Senate Bill 08-201

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.

(1) The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that certain livestock confinement practices should be addressed. As required by article 50.5 of title 35, Colorado Revised Statutes, calves raised for veal and gestating sows should be kept in a way that allows such animals to freely stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of their enclosure.

(2) The general assembly further finds, determines, and declares that the commissioner of agriculture is encouraged to establish a process to consider questions arising in the future about livestock husbandry and humane livestock production practices.

Excerpt from minutes of Commissioner Salazar's Colorado Livestock Husbandry and Animal Welfare Committee February 29, 2012:

Rick Podtburg presented the group with the National Dairy Farm Program's "Animal Care Manual." The manual can be found at

http://www.nationaldairyfarm.com/sites/default/files/AnimalCareManual_JUN_VIEW.pdf .

Page 17 outlines their tail docking recommendation:

"Tail docking of dairy calves is not recommended. A thorough review of the scientific literature does not support anecdotal reports of the benefits of tail docking (AVMA 2006). Switch trimming is recommended as a preferred alternative to tail docking."

The committee voted to adopt this recommendation as outlined pertaining to cattle.
February 29, 2012

This committee has since changed its name to "Colorado Livestock Care Coalition" and gone private to avoid sunshine laws.